

Battle in East One of Fiercest in World's History

The Associated Press on the eastern front that he considered it "the turning point of the campaign."

All the armies are planning to spend Christmas as best they may. Soldiers and sailors from home are being distributed in the trenches, at the hospitals and in the camps, hundreds of thousands of post cards to the soldiers and sailors from King George and Queen Mary being one feature of the British gifts.

Austrian attempts to crush Serbia are soon to be renewed in the form of a "final blow," according to Budapest dispatches.

ATTACKS EASILY REPULSED, IS VERSION OF GERMANS

BERLIN (via London), December 24.—The official communication issued to-day by the German general headquarters staff says:

"The enemy did not renew his attacks in the neighborhood of Neuport yesterday. At Bixchoote we took 230 prisoners on December 22.

"The enemy was again active yesterday in the neighborhood of Chalons. Infantry attacks followed a fierce artillery attack made by the enemy in the regions of Souain and Perthes. These were repulsed.

"A trench kept under continuous artillery fire by the enemy was lost by us, but was recaptured in the evening. The position was abandoned after this successful counterattack, because parts of the trenches had been almost leveled by the enemy's fire. More than 100 prisoners were left in our hands.

"At the east we have renewed the offensive, and are advancing from Niedenburg and Soldau (in East Prussia). We have repulsed the Russians after several days' fighting at the northern front, and the enemy's positions at Miawa again are in our hands. More than 1,000 prisoners were taken in these battles.

"At the confluence of the Bura and Hawka Rivers, fierce bayonet attacks took place at many places. The artillery could do little on account of the misty weather.

"The Russians suffered heavy losses on the right bank of the Pilica River, in the district to the southeast of Tomaszow. The Russians attacked freely several times, but were repulsed by the Austro-German armies with heavy losses.

"Further to the south the situation generally is unchanged."

GERMANS ARE CONFIDENT OF PROGRESS IN EAST

BERLIN, December 24.—Among the items given out to-day by the official press bureau were the following:

"While there is general confidence that the Germans and their ally are making progress in the east, there is no indication in official reports of any marked advances.

"Indeed, it is noticeable that Vienna uses the adjective 'favorable' in referring to the battles in the Carpathians, and contents itself with saying that the severe battle along the Lower Danube River and on the Kresno-Tuchow line continues.

"Strikingly frank and interesting is the official Vienna report concerning the Austrian withdrawal from Serbia, due to the terrible conditions of the country and the weather, and also the fact that the Serbians lost considerably in the retreat, but the spirit of their army is unsurpassable. The report also brings the first news that Field Marshal von Potiorek has been relieved of command of the Austrian army on account of his health.

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HOSTILE AEROPLANE DROPS BOMB IN DOVER

British Aircraft Rises in Pursuit, but Enemy Is Lost in Dense Fog.

FRENCH CRUISER TORPEDOED

Austrian Submarine Finds Target in War Vessel in Strait of Otranto. Paris War Office Says Damage Was Slight.

LONDON, December 24.—A hostile aeroplane dropped a bomb over Dover this morning and then disappeared, according to a statement this afternoon by the official press bureau. The text of the statement follows:

"An aeroplane in the neighborhood of Dover dropped a bomb while passing over Dover this morning. The missile fell in a garden and exploded, but no damage was done. The aeroplane was seen for a few seconds only. It left immediately, passing out over the sea. A British aircraft went up, but did not see the enemy again. The weather was cloudy and foggy."

AUSTRIAN SUBMARINE ATTACKS FRENCH CRUISER

PARIS, December 24.—An official report issued by the French Minister of Marine says:

"An Austrian submarine fired two torpedoes at a French armored cruiser in the Strait of Otranto, one of them exploding forward. The damage done to the vessel was unimportant. None of the cruiser's crew was injured."

FRENCH SUBMARINE FIRED ON BY COAST BATTERIES

AMSTERDAM, December 24 (via London).—An official telegram received here to-day from Vienna says:

"The French submarine Curie was fired upon by our coast batteries without having been able to deliver any attack. The members of her crew were imprisoned."

"Our submarine, No. 12, attacked on December 21 a French squadron composed of sixteen ships in the Otranto channel. The submarine successfully torpedoed two battleships of the Courbet type, but the consequent confusion among the hostile squadron, the dangerous proximity of some of the ships and the high sea running rendered it impossible for the submarine to estimate with certainty the fate of the torpedoed ships."

CAPTURE OF LODZ TURNS TIDE IN GERMANS' FAVOR

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was resistance of that nature which the Germans had to overcome to capture Lodz.

RUSSIANS ARE OFFERING DESPERATE RESISTANCE

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FAMOUS NATURALIST DIES OF PNEUMONIA

John Muir Is Stricken While Visiting at Home of Daughter—His Career Was Notable.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., December 24.—John Muir, the naturalist, died in a hospital to-day of pneumonia. He was seventy-six years of age.

Mr. Muir was visiting his daughter, Mrs. Helen Muir Funk, at Daguerre, in San Bernardino County. He was stricken with pneumonia last week, and on Tuesday it was determined to bring him to this city for treatment. When he arrived here last night, Mr. Muir was in a critical condition, and sank rapidly, death coming at 10 o'clock to-day. His daughter was with him.

COMMUNITY TREE GLADDENS 10,000

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ter an interval of ten minutes, in which the school choir sang a Christmas carol, the dancers appeared again—this time in the Ostdend, a quicker movement and more intricate.

According to Miss Ramos, the Ostdend is one of the popular folk dances of Belgium, in honor of whose far-famed seaside city it is named. There were few among the thousands who applauded the graceful figures who knew that they were looking upon a bit of Belgium—a bit of gay, light-hearted Belgium before the iron heel of a ruthless neighbor had made desolate a land that was decreed by God to be fair. In Ostdend yesterday the presence of the German invader left the populace in no mood for their favorite folk dance. In Richmond yesterday the Ostdend gladdened a populace of 10,000.

As its final number the dancing group gave a rhythmic interpretation of Yankee Doodle. It was a rollicking step, and a sprightly one, and it left the crowd in the right frame of mind for the enjoyment of Christmas Eve. The dancing was over at 10 o'clock, the last from the Northern air and swung into the ever-stirring "Dixie," and it was to the bars of the rebel war song that the crowd dispersed and went its way home.

The dedication of Richmond's second community Christmas tree brought to a climax the work of a general committee which has for weeks been engaged in a systematic campaign for the gathering of contributions to be distributed at the holiday season in the form of Christmas stockings. In this work it received the co-operation

The Weather

Forecast: Virginia—Rain on the coast; rain or snow in the interior Friday; much colder at night; Saturday fair and colder.

North and South Carolina—Rain Friday; Saturday clearing and colder.

Local Temperature Yesterday.

12 noon temperature.....	34
3 P. M. temperature.....	32
8 P. M. temperature.....	32
Maximum temperature to 8 P. M.....	37
Minimum temperature to 8 P. M.....	24
Mean temperature.....	34
Normal temperature.....	39
Deficiency in temperature yesterday.....	5
Deficiency in temperature since March 1.....	360
Accumulated deficiency in temperature since January 1.....	319

Local Rainfall Yesterday.

Rainfall last twelve hours..... .02

Rainfall last twenty-four hours..... .02

Deficiency in rainfall since March 1..... .10

Accumulated deficiency in rainfall since January 1..... .962

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

(At 8 P. M. Eastern Standard Time.)

Place	Temp.	Humidity	Wind	Clouds
Richmond	32	75	W. 10	Cloudy
Asheville	35	55	W. 10	Rain
Atlanta	46	48	W. 10	Cloudy
Baltimore	30	68	W. 10	Cloudy
Boston	20	64	W. 10	Snow
Buffalo	20	62	W. 10	Snow
Chicago	22	52	W. 10	Cloudy
Cincinnati	32	58	W. 10	Cloudy
Denver	32	38	W. 10	Clear
Duluth	10	24	W. 10	Clear
Galveston	54	66	W. 10	Rain
Hatteras	42	48	W. 10	Rain
Havana	12	12	W. 10	Snow
Jacksonville	14	24	W. 10	Cloudy
Kansas City	34	36	W. 10	Cloudy
Louisville	34	36	W. 10	Cloudy
Montgomery	34	36	W. 10	Cloudy
New Orleans	70	76	W. 10	Cloudy
New York	26	26	W. 10	Snow
Norfolk	42	42	W. 10	Rain
Oklahoma	30	36	W. 10	Cloudy
Pittsburgh	32	32	W. 10	Cloudy
Raleigh	40	46	W. 10	Rain
St. Louis	28	28	W. 10	Cloudy
San Francisco	52	56	W. 10	Clear
Savannah	56	62	W. 10	Cloudy
Spokane	20	20	W. 10	Cloudy
Tampa	70	76	W. 10	Cloudy
Washington	30	30	W. 10	Cloudy
Wilmington	18	14	W. 10	Clear
Wynneville	34	34	W. 10	Rain

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

December 25, 1914.

HIGH TIDE: Morning...10:18

Sun rises...7:24

Sun sets...4:56

Evening...11:35

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of a large proportion of the more fortunate residents of the city.

The distribution of stockings began Wednesday, and was concluded yesterday. Schools in various parts of the city were for this purpose converted into supply depots. To each of these schools school children brought their donations of toys and holiday edibles. A squad of Boy Scouts at each distribution centre undertook the task of carrying the stockings to the children of the poor. About 500 members of the several Scout squads took part in the distributing work, delivering on the two days between 5,000 and 10,000 well-filled stockings. A member of the distributing committee said last night that, as far as the committee knows, not a single poor child in the city went to bed without the requisite holiday stocking.

John Hirschberg, of the Administrative Board, was chairman of the general committee which directed the community Christmas tree enterprise. The stocking committee included Mrs. J. H. Capers, Jr., chairman; Mrs. Charles T. Norman, Miss Mart Thomas, Miss Augusta Meyer, John Stewart Bryan and D. W. Durrett.

The tree was mounted with the assistance of the forces of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone and Virginia Railway and Power Companies, and was wired by the Fire Department under the direction of City Electrician Trafford and Inspector Speights. The electric globes used in the tree were contributed by the Western Electric Company. The tree will be lighted up every night until the end of the year.

Street Car Accident.

An Adams Express wagon, driven by M. L. Longest, was yesterday afternoon struck by a Broad and Main Street car, and was slightly damaged. Longest was thrown from his seat when the wagon was hit, and was rushed about the face and shoulder. He was treated by Ambulance Surgeon Walker and was taken to his home.

A Main Street car struck a delivery wagon belonging to J. C. Pace in front of the Main Street Station yesterday and damaged the wagon slightly. The car was not damaged and no one was hurt.

Will Hold Runaway Boy.

Captain of Detectives McMahon last night issued a warrant for the arrest of a boy charged with being a runaway. The boy, who is about 15 years of age, was charged with being a runaway. The boy was arrested during the morning charged with being a runaway.

ECZEMA COVERED CHILDREN'S HANDS

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PATRIOTS WOULD HONOR MEMORY OF WASHINGTON

Members of Patriotic Societies Urged to Recall Striving Days of Seventy-Six.

A letter has just been received by Arthur B. Clarke, president of the Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, from R. C. B. Thurston, president-general of the national society, in which he suggests that members of patriotic societies all over the country pause for a moment sometime during next Saturday, December 27, and offer a toast to George Washington and his band of patriots, who on that date 138 years ago won the battle of Trenton, thus dispelling a cloud of gloom that hung so long over the colonies.

The letter inquires: "Shall we not by this thought and action catch a little of the reflected glow of that exemplification of the spirit of '76 on the bank of the Delaware by the incomparable leader of the people? Shall we not in some little way assist in dispelling the depression that is now upon our national life?"

"We have a priceless heritage in a country of freedom, of opportunity and of great helpfulness as a civilizing force, and let us all remember the obligation we owe that chief of men, Washington, in his hour of devotedness, as well as in his triumph. He labored for us, and shall we not remember him in these days full of storehouses and peacefulness?"

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